

# Celebrating Parent Participation Matters!



Bedford Borough PCF - Inclusive Playparks



# Parent Participation Matters!

- Sharing impact and success stories from Parent Carer Forums through written stories, podcasts and videos.
- Raising the profile of forums, celebrating their unique role.
- Demonstrating that parent participation has an impact– even in these challenging times.
- February – a month of celebration leading up to today.
- Developing Contact’s communication about forums.
- A Contact innovation fund project.





# Improving Services & Support



Swindon SEND Families Voice - Reshaping Conversations



Bedford Borough PCF - Inclusive playparks





Northumberland PCF - SEN summer holiday activity brochure & OT Sensory Processing Service and website



SNAP – PDA guidance and Embedding Therapeutic Thinking in schools



# Great outcomes!

Fact Bucks – Working with SENDIASs to improve experiences of families

- 2 new full-time members
- 2 x as many families getting support
- Halving waiting times
- Year-round service
- More staff time to support vulnerable families/  
more complex cases



Fact Bucks- Working with SENDIASs to make a case to improve the service





# Improving support, assessments, and therapies



Greenwich PCF – Videos for those awaiting autism diagnosis



PODs Telford and Wrekin - Waiting Well project



# Improving services in early years/childhood



Essex Family Forum – Supporting your Neurodiverse Child

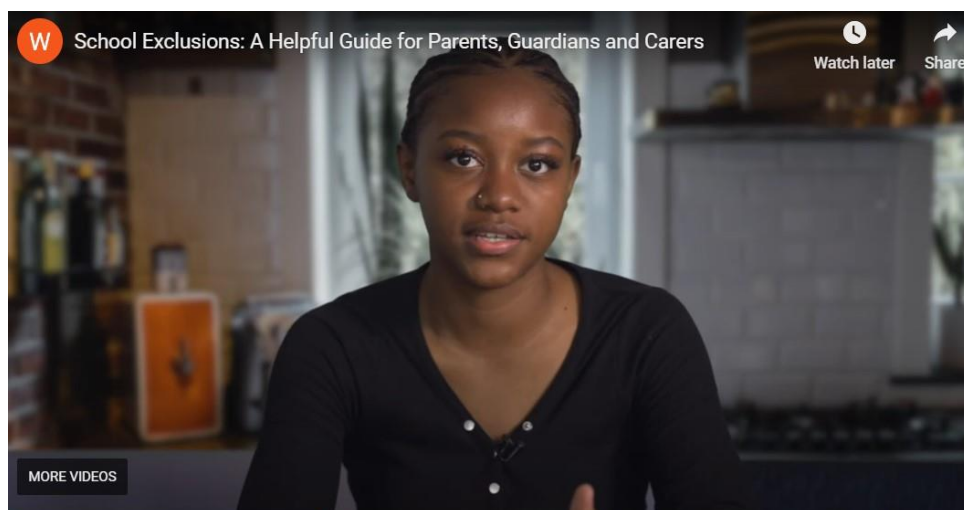


Stockton PCF – Down Syndrome Pathway Design





# Improving experiences in schools



Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice – legal rights on school exclusions for parents







South Glos Parent Carers – Emotional Based School Avoidance guidance for schools



Wigan PCF - Autism in Schools project



# Improving support for young people into adulthood



PACC Shropshire – PFA Navigators and Buddies Projects



Tower Hamlets PCF mental health support, training, and guide





# Reaching out to all communities



Essex Family Forum - Graffiti wall



Family Voice Peterborough – Reaching out to Communities





Greenwich PCF - Parent Champions



PACC Brighton & Hove – working with the Traveller community





# Tackling isolation



North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together – Enhanced support offer



Lewisham PCF - pampering days and warm hubs







Southampton PCF – Beat the Blues Bags



Stockton PCF - crafting days



Stockton PCF win £5,000 at Teesside Charity's Golden Giveaway





# We heard why parent enjoy being in a forum



Carla Scaife - Chair of Darlington PCF



*"The only way to make a difference is to get involved"  
(Anon)*



# And how forums attract and keep members



PACC Shropshire – IPSEA training





We **even** worked with parent carers to create a new video Tell me about...parent carer forums



Paul Meadows from SENDS4Dad and Swindon SEND Families Voice





Southampton PCF – Relaunch and reaching out projects

We heard from forums starting out





# And those who have been around a while!



Rochdale Parent Carers Voice 21<sup>st</sup> birthday



PODS Telford and Wrekin - Waiting Well project



# Great feedback

- ✓ 5 Main news stories – reaching 30,000+ through Contact's 'what's new'
- ✓ 24 success stories on our website – with more visitors
- ✓ 366 likes and 137 shared
- ✓ More to be shared soon in the participation newsletter which has an audience of 1,800+





# And that's not all

Planning

More recordings

Webinars

Podcasts

Parent stories and examples on website

More stories in our joint newsletter



SENDAC – (SEND Alliance Cumbria)  
recruitment and retention videos



